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Jenne Ayers, daughter of former Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, is running for a council-at-large seat. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Running to be new voice in City Hall

Politics. A young contender wants to be a voice for vulnerable families, children and blue-collar workers in City Council.

May primaries

Six Democratic candidates are currently running for an at-large council seat, including Ayers, former City Councilman Frank Rizzo Jr., attorney Sherrie Cohen, and Reading Terminal manager Paul Steinke.

- The five Democratic at-large seats are up for vote in May.
- The five candidates with the most votes are seated.

Jenne Ayers wanted to become a pediatric neurosurgeon. She planned her life around achieving that goal.

But while volunteering at a hospital while still an undergraduate at Harvard College, Ayers had an epiphany.

"I realized I cared more about why the people ended up in the hospital than the actual medical procedures," Ayers, 26, told Metro.

Two weeks ago, Ayers, the daughter of former Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, announced her run for an at-large seat on the Philadelphia City Council in the May 19 primary election.

She's since been fundraising at a brisk pace and assembling a team of volunteers to help her plan a strategy for the next 133 days — a timetable that also includes graduating from Yale Law School in May.

Rizzo Jr. / FILE

Visit **Metro.us** to read more about Ayers and other candidates.

The burden hasn't dented Ayers' confidence that she'll win the seat.

"If people turn up to the polls and if they really use their collective voice and power, I have a good chance of winning," Ayers said. "There are so many people that want to see a breath of fresh air in City Hall."

Ayers wants to help ensure City Council is cohesively lobbying Harrisburg for education funding. She supports centralizing social services in locations like community centers or schools or moving them online to improve accessibility for vulnerable families.

"These are things that 10, 15, 20 years from now that are going to make Philadelphia a very strong city," she said.

Ayers also said her work as a consultant after college will help her tap philanthropic funds for the city.

"Philadelphia's at an important crossroads," Ayers said. "We've seen so much success. When I walk around downtown, within even 10 years, you can see a lot of development. But then when I walk around my grandmother's old neighborhood in North Philadelphia, it's not doing well at all."

While Ayers supports the Nutter administration's focus on attracting high-tech jobs in the education and medical fields to the city, she also wants to see business investment in Philadelphia that creates blue-collar jobs.

"A city councilperson at-large can make a difference," said longtime political observer Larry Ceisler.

"They're one vote among a body of 17, but we have to start somewhere as a city in terms of making government accountable."

Another political observer, Jim Foster, said he believes the race is wide open to new candidates.

"Even though some people will say all elections in Philadelphia are sort of rigged in advance, I think if there are [seats] that might not be as much, it's those [at-large seats]," he said.

Vote for Ayers?

"I believe that knowledge has no age minimum, so if she has the talent and wants to pursue it, I'm all for it."
John F, 27

"I think it's good. They need more young people in politics, and it'll pull in more young people to get them interested in politics. It's a good thing."
Nysia Morgan, East Falls resident

"It's 2015, age shouldn't matter as long as she's a good politician. I understand that she's young, she's black, but we should be past that now. We should've long ago broken that glass ceiling, but it's a chauvinistic world we live in. So I think it would be good."
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Arrest in limo driver's death

Alonzo Dilligard, 20, of Darby, was charged in the murder of a limo driver this weekend, police said Monday.

Mijael Rodriguez-Ramirez started work as a driver two weeks before his death. Police said he picked up Dilligard and two other men.

He was robbed of about $30 before being shot to death at 7:10 p.m. on Jan. 1 by Dilligard in front of his fiancee, who was in the front seat, police said.

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Alonzo Dilligard / PPD

Light snow and freezing temps coming to Philly

Winter. The new year is off to an icy start with freezing temperatures predicted all week.

Expect cold weather and an inch or two of snow today.

The National Weather Service has a winter weather advisory in effect for all of Philadelphia from 8 a.m. today to 4 p.m., said meteorologist Valeria Meola, due to cold weather moving east from the Ohio Valley and a projected snowfall of 1 to 2 inches.

"That's going to bring snow," Meola said. "It looks like it may impact the morning commute, last to midday and should taper off around mid-afternoon."

After a spate of warm weather, temperatures dropped below freezing on Monday and are headed even lower into Tuesday.

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Quoted

"We don't feel this snow ... will affect any of our operations, but it's going to be cold."

Williams

Rina Cutler, deputy mayor for transportation and utilities, said preparing for cold weather is on her "top five" list and the city's plans are already in place for responding to cold weather.

"As far as the dusting we'll get tomorrow, we don't think it will be serious other than it will come at the tail end of the morning rush," Cutler said.

SEPTA is also preparing for the icy blast.

"This is going to be the first brutal cold stretch of the winter for us," said SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams.

Once temperatures go below 25 degrees, SEPTA will issue speed restrictions to regional rail trains to travel at 50 mph or less, Williams said. The 101 and 102 trolleys will travel at 30 mph or slower. On the Market-Frankford Line, A and B trains will both stop at every station.

Cutler doesn't expect the projected snowfall to raise to the level of an emergency, so no change in parking rules at the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) is expected.

"The PPA is fully prepared for any kind of snow emergency," said PPA executive director Vince Fenerty.

No snow is predicted after Tuesday, but temperatures will hit a low of 10 degrees Wednesday night, and will only get to a high of 20 on Thursday, Meola said.

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First day of bombing trial jury selection

Boston. The media descended on the alleged Boston Marathon bomber's jury selection.

Sketch of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev
SKETCH BY JANE FLAVELL COLLINS

Boston took the first small step on its journey to justice Monday when a federal judge lectured hundreds of potential jurors for the Boston Marathon bombing trial about their civic duty to weigh fairly the fate of the man accused of carrying out the deadly attack.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the accused Boston Marathon bomber, arrived at the jury hall in Boston's Moakley Federal Courthouse around 9:10 a.m. for the first day of jury selection. Some 500 people filled out questionnaires after U.S. District Judge George O'Toole instructed them about the obligations of sitting on a high-profile jury.

O'Toole told potential jurors that the burden is on the government to prove the defendant's guilt, and that Tsarnaev is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

"Don't think of the service of being a juror as an annoying burden," O'Toole said, adding that many jurors who have wrapped up their duty have told him they found the experience "interesting" and "memorable."

Tsarnaev sat in the midst of his defense team. His curly hair was long and loose. He had grown a scruffy beard, and was dressed in a thick, dark gray sweater and khaki pants. He sat with his hands folded, listening. He occasionally adjusted his collar, and in one instance, stood to face jurors as O'Toole introduced him.

The April 2013 attack killed three spectators, maimed or injured dozens of spectators and runners and left Boston traumatized for days as police locked down the entire city in their hunt for the bombers.

Tsarnaev is facing 30 charges in connection with the attack, which prosecutors allege he planned and carried out with his brother Tamerlan. If convicted he could be executed.

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Missing airplane's tail section might have been located

AirAsia. Retrieval of the recorders is a crucial part of the investigation.

Navy helicopters from Indonesia will keep searching. / GETTY IMAGES

An Indonesian naval patrol vessel has found what could be the tail of a crashed AirAsia passenger jet, the section where the crucial black box voice and flight data recorders are located, officials said on Monday.

News of the possible breakthrough came as the transport ministry in Jakarta said some officials on duty at the time of the accident will be moved to other roles. It also announced it was tightening rules on pre-flight procedures.

Ships and aircraft scouring the northern Java Sea for debris and bodies from the Airbus A320-200 have widened their search to allow for currents eight days after Flight QZ8501 plunged into the water en route from Indonesia's second-biggest city of Surabaya to Singapore with 162 people onboard.

He was speaking after his ship returned to the port in Surabaya on Monday, and it was not immediately clear if he was referring to one of the five large objects pinpointed by search vessels over the weekend. REUTERS

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"We found what has a high probability of being the tail of the plane."

Yayan Sofyan, captain of the patrol vessel

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Police shooting case. Grand juror in Missouri sues the prosecutor

A member of the grand jury that declined to indict the white Missouri police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black 18-year-old sued the prosecutor in the case on Monday, criticizing the way evidence was presented to grand jurors and seeking court permission to speak publicly about the way the case was handled.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in St. Louis against St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch by the grand juror, whose name was withheld and was referred to as "Grand Juror Doe."

The suit argues that state laws prohibiting the grand juror from talking about the case are unconstitutional. Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Missouri, said the Brown case is an important public policy issue and the grand juror should be allowed to speak about the proceedings.

After the Nov. 24 announcement by McCulloch that the grand jury decided not to indict Officer Darren Wilson, and the release by McCulloch of evidence presented, some critics accused the prosecutor of unfairly skewing the process in favor of the police officer. A spokesman said McCulloch had no comment on the lawsuit.

St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch / GETTY IMAGES

Grand jury

12

The grand jury was composed of 12 people: six white males, three white females, two black females and one black male.

The lawsuit claims that evidence was presented to the grand jury in a manner markedly different than in previous cases heard by the same grand jury, with the "insinuation" that Brown was the "wrongdoer" rather than Wilson.

It also claims the prosecutor's office presented applicable laws to grand jurors "in a muddled and untimely manner" unlike presentations in other cases.

The grand juror also contends that McCulloch's public statements about the decision not to indict were not "entirely accurate," including the "implication that all grand jurors believed that there was no support for any charges," the lawsuit stated. REUTERS

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Beyond the classroom. Take the time get to know your professors

Office hours — the time each professor sets aside to meet with students each week — are the perfect time to get to know your instructors and to get the extra academic help you need, straight from the source. Here are three things every student should be doing in the first few weeks of classes.

Getting a little one-on-one attention never hurt anyone. / HEMERA

Say hello

It's simple, but important to pop in during office hours simply to introduce yourself, especially if it's a large lecture class. Your visit doesn't have to be long, but it's nice to stop by to say hello and perhaps mention what inspired you to take the class. Are you taking biology because you are interested in pre-med or going into nursing? Your instructor may appreciate knowing this.

Ask for help

If you know from past experience that you might have trouble in certain classes, it's best to talk to your professors well before that first exam. Professors usually notice when it's clear that a student is trying his or her best. Plus, getting some one-on-one instruction each week has its own benefits.

Plan ahead

You don't want to get close to graduation and then realize that none of your professors know you well enough to write a letter of recommendation. Take some time to chat with your instructors about your career plans and aspirations now so you won't seem self-serving doing so later. LAKSHMI GANDHI

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The top holiday gifts people return or regift

Shopping trends. Find out if what you gave is about to be regifted.

Hopefully, the clothes in these wrapped boxes came with a gift receipt. / PURESTOCK

You spent time and hard-earned money picking out the perfect presents for everyone on your list. Now it's time to find out if what you gave is about to be sent back to the shops. The Daily Mail reports that almost half of all women return Christmas presents their husbands gave them. It's not because they hate them, necessarily; most of the time it's because their husbands didn't know their correct sizes.

The paper goes on to state that misjudged sizing is the No. 1 reason gift receivers don't keep what they've been given. MarketTools also reports that clothes are the most returned gift item; clothes and shoes make up 62 percent of all holiday returns.

The same report found that home goods are the next most popular things to be returned, followed by beauty and fragrance products and then electronics. It seems people would just rather have the cash or store credit than these items.

So with all these returns, what are people keeping? Jewelry and watches ranked lowest on the list of returns, conjuring up the theory that what people want most in a Christmas gift is at least a hint of sentimentality.

By the numbers

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Clothes and shoes make up 62 percent of returned gifts, according to a MarketTools report.

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3 Ways to begin 2015 with a vacation

Even if you can't break away from work for long, or can't afford to, here are three ways to take a break this year:

Big budget: Exotic Travel

This week I'm vacationing in Bali for the second time. It's an incredible place to refresh your mind and body, with beautiful temples, warm tropical weather, perfect beaches, amazingly kind locals and interesting food, not to mention a very strong U.S. dollar. All that makes Bali a great vacation choice. The same can be said about Thailand, Bora Bora, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas and the British Virgin Islands.

Mid-sized budget: Book a spa day

For those who can't afford the money or time that it takes to travel to a distant location, go to your local spa for a few hours and truly unwind. This is a much more economic option, and it's even better if you go with a friend or loved one. Do research to find the highest-rated spas in your area and call them ahead of time to see if they have any specials; they usually do.

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Small budget: Visit famous landmarks

Treat yourself to some culture and celebrate some of humanity's great achievements and architectural wonders. In the past six years since I've been teaching people how to profit from the stock market, I've found that performance is significantly improved when my students think about specific goals and visual representations of those goals.

To help visualize your goals, post pictures in your home and office of great landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty or the Liberty Bell and then reward yourself by actually visiting them. It can do wonders for your mindset and overall success and achievements in life.

My new "How To Make Millions" educational DVD study guide was finally released, with all of the proceeds going to charity. We've raised $170,000 in just a few weeks!

ESPN great Stuart Scott has died; he was one of my favorite sportscasters. We need to devote more money to cancer research!

For exclusive commentary, visit Metro.us/blogs.

What Sykes likes this week

1 *It's a new year — time for the U.S. stock market to offer up even more opportunities than last year.*

2 *The NFL playoffs have begun!*

3 *"The Interview" was actually pretty funny and enjoyable.*

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Whitney Cummings understands the Internet, Carrie Fisher has a recipe for success and Joss Whedon needs a second opinion.

@WhitneyCummings: Pinterest should come with a free cat.

@carrieffisher: You wanna be a winner? Better wear out your grin and get a whole lot younger and many much thinner.

@josswhedon: Doctor: I'm afraid there's nothing I can do. You're culturally irrelevant. Me: Uh, the foot rash- Dr: totes fine. But srsly yer over

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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1 Jennifer Aniston humoring Brad Pitt questions for Awards Season

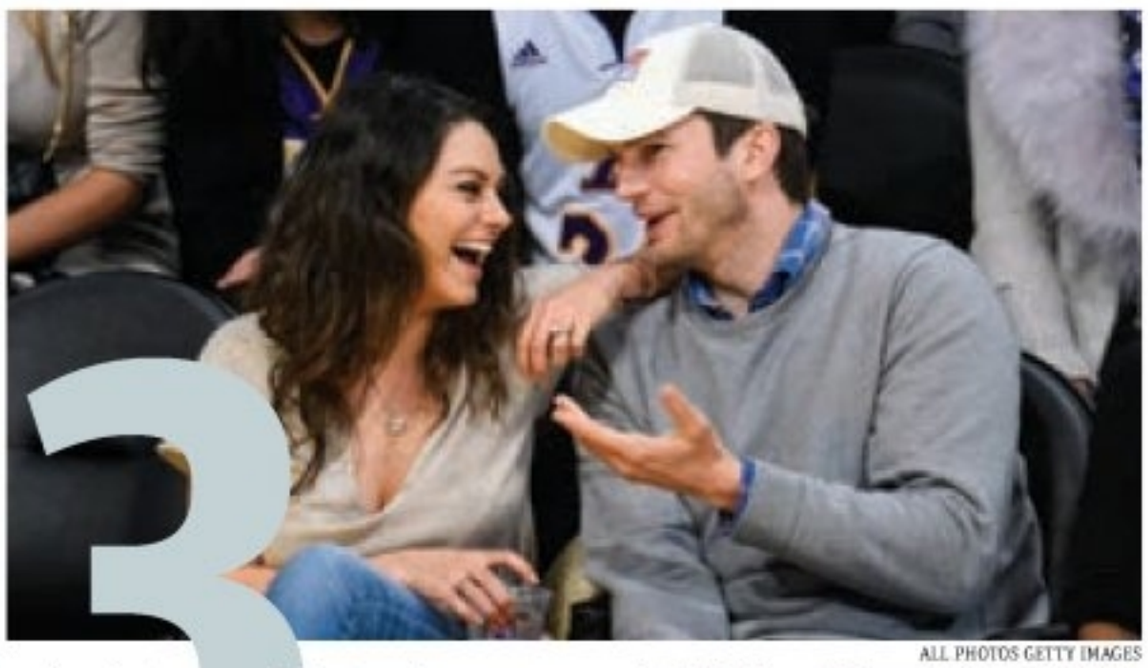
How do we know Jennifer Aniston is taking her bid for Awards Season glory seriously? She's entertaining questions about ex-husband Brad Pitt. Aniston is currently on the campaign trail for her Golden Globe-nominated performance in the indie drama "Cake," and the rules of Hollywood state that you've got to play ball if you want a serious shot at some trophies. So Aniston sat down with "CBS Sunday Morning" reporter Lee Cowan, who used the age-old trick of asking about how annoying it is when people ask about something as a ploy to ask about that thing without looking like you're actually asking about it.

"The fact that it still follows you around — I mean, I'm divorced. It's got to be painful. I mean, I don't like when people bring it up. But people still do, right?" Cowan asked. And by "people," he means himself, who just brought it up. But Aniston is a pro: "I don't find it painful, though. I think it's a narrative that follows you because it's an interesting headline. It's more of a media-driven topic," Aniston responded. And speaking of media-driven, Cowan — who clearly can't take a hint — followed that up with, "You guys still talk? You friends?" And kudos to Aniston for not rolling her eyes or just straight up punching him.

2 David Beckham not as well-dressed as his 12-year-old son

This must be pretty embarrassing. David Beckham landed on GQ's "50 best dressed men in Britain 2015" list, as expected — but he didn't rank nearly as high as 12-year-old son Romeo Beckham. David slipped in at No. 46, just behind Tom Hardy, and I'll wait a minute while your brain has fun with that sentence. But Romeo was ranked 25th. Not too shabby for a tween, but then having a couple of Burberry campaigns under your wing doesn't hurt. The top spot went to "Theory of Everything" star Eddie Redmayne.

3 Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis not married, just trolling



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New parents Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis got tabloid rumor mongers worked up into a frenzy on New Year's Eve with a photo message on Kutcher's Facebook page with warm wishes from "the Kutchers," sparking speculation that they'd already secretly tied the knot. But don't worry, you didn't miss anything. Sources tell Radar Online that they "have not gotten married yet" and the big day won't be happening until the summer.

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Courteney Cox reflects on making it to episode 100

Interview. The "Cougar Town" headliner thinks she has another long-running TV series in her.

"Cougar Town" returns for its final season tonight at 10:30 p.m. on TBS. / DARREN MICHAELS

It took a lot of work — overcoming a clunky title, getting canceled and picked up by another network — but "Cougar Town," Courteney Cox's first big sitcom since "Friends," has reached the notable television milestone of hitting 100 episodes. But celebrations of the occasion were tinged with an air of sadness, as even though "Cougar Town" is reaching episode No. 100, its series finale is episode No. 102.

"It's really sad," Cox says. "This is a great group of people and we love each other, and the show is fun and the writing is great. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — or twice, in my case." Despite the sadness, Cox knows how lucky it is that the show made it this far, given the current TV landscape. "It's scary, too, because you look at other shows and go, 'Oh, that's a good show! What a great cast,' and then they get canceled after only a few episodes," she says.

But that doesn't mean she's daunted. Cox has a plan in mind: another 100-episode show. "I want to do it one more time," Cox says. "I don't have one, but I'm going to find one."

Coming to the end is a good time for looking back, and Cox is reflective now about the show and the struggles it faced because of its title. "At the beginning, I think the title 'Cougar Town' was a way to kind of get attention. It was shocking. But then it turned out that that's not what the show was about — not that it ever was," she says. "We knew what this was going to be, but people were turned off by the title of 'Cougar Town' because they didn't like to see me — Monica, essentially — going out with younger guys. That wasn't what they were hoping for. So it quickly became what the show was always going to be, but we just couldn't get rid of the title. We tried."

In the grand tradition of finales, is Cox taking anything home from the set? "Mine would be probably a wine glass," she offers. "I'll take Big Chuck or whichever one I'm on now."

"THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AND WE LOVE EACH OTHER, AND THE SHOW IS FUN AND THE WRITING IS GREAT," SAYS COX ABOUT THE CAST AND CREW OF "COUGAR TOWN." / GETTY IMAGES

What's in a name?

That darn title

It began as an attention-grabbing gag: "Cougar Town," a show ostensibly poking fun at the trend of dubbing older women who dated younger men cougars. But the gimmick got old, and fast. Or, as co-star Josh Hopkins puts it: "In the beginning, you have all these pilots coming out, and it was called 'Cougar Town,' and people remembered that. If it was called 'She's Back!' nobody would've remembered. But then later, when we expanded and were something totally different, and the show finds itself and its legs, then it was a detriment in the way that people were like, 'Oh, it's just her out trolling for 21-year-old guys,' and it hasn't been that for 97 episodes."

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Where to go in 2015

Here are five unexpected U.S. destinations that should be on your travel radar this year.

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Jackson Hole, Wyoming

The country's top ski resort just got a lot easier to reach, with new direct flights from 13 cities on Delta and United during peak winter season. The birthplace of extreme skiing has a cool Western vibe and funky arts and apres-ski scenes. Jackson's proximity to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks presents some of the best off-slope activities around.

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The Hudson Valley and the Catskills, New York

Why go: Quaint towns like Hudson, Rhinebeck and Tarrytown have officially metamorphosed into hip enclaves, with charming boutique stores, a blooming arts scene and farm-to-table restaurants that give the big city a run for its money thanks to the Culinary Institute of America.

Insider tip: The Walkway Over the Hudson is the world's longest pedestrian bridge, connecting Highland and Poughkeepsie while offering beautiful views of the Hudson River.

The Florida Panhandle

Why go: The soft quartz beaches of the Florida Panhandle are among the best in the United States, with a virtually unimpeded 100-mile stretch of beach.

Insider tip: Every Panhandle beach town has its own personality. Pensacola Beach is low-key and family-friendly. Destin has many condos and a busy resort. Grayton Beach is upscale and artsy. Panama City Beach is commercial but has gorgeous natural areas.

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Cleveland, Ohio

Why go: With culinary kings like Michael Symon and Jonathon Sawyer, an orchestra rated one of the top five in the nation and a major new wing at The Cleveland Museum of Art, the second-largest city in Ohio has shed its industrial past.

Insider tip: Tour one of the 10 farms in Cuyahoga Valley National Park that are part of the Countryside Initiative, a collection of farms committed to sustainable agriculture.

Bourbon Country and Louisville, Kentucky

Why go: In the rolling hills outside Louisville, bourbon distilleries give tours through historic warehouses and production facilities, topped with tastings of the state's signature drink. In Louisville, the foodie scene thrives.

Insider tip: Go to KyBourbonTrail.com for great tips on planning your visit to nine of the largest distilleries.

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Parenting trends to watch for in 2015

Looking ahead. Get ready for a lot of very awkward parties.

Breastfeeding selfies, Instagramming your kids' over-the-top school lunches and live-tweeting of births were all trends we saw in 2014. So what does this new year bring? Here, we highlight five on-the-rise trends, for better or for worse.

'Pee parties'

New parenting trends are starting for even before babies are conceived, given the rise of a really strange new gathering known as "pee parties." Women who think they might be pregnant throw these parties, where they take a pregnancy test and then reveal the results to everyone. The idea is that taking a pregnancy test is scary so your guests serve as moral support. Baby Center.com, a site with very active forums for new moms and moms to be, first noted this trend in April 2014. While still a novelty, it's starting to become talked about enough that you can expect your oversharing friends to start sending out the Evites in the coming months. What's next, live-tweeting conception?

Gender reveal parties

That's not the only parenting party trend that will be taking over your Facebook feed. "Gender reveal" parties — where an expectant couple reveals to all their family and friends if they will be welcoming a boy or a girl — became a "thing" in 2014, which means it will be infiltrating the masses this year. Expect to see not only more parties happening, but a rise in popularity in more gender-neutral baby goods, because, of course, guests are expected to bring a gift to these things.

Expectant couples often use balloons to reveal the gender of their babies at "gender reveal parties." / MOODBOARD

Family size spike for the upper class

Living in an urban area and having just one kid can be expensive. That's why having multiple kids has become the new way for city dwellers to flaunt their wealth. While there's obviously that other reason for having kids — you know, loving and wanting them — it's becoming the ultimate way to show others just how much they can afford. The trend for upper-class families used to be just having one or two kids to set them apart from the large family sizes of lower economic groups. Well, times are changing.

More dads at school drop-off

The number of stay-at-home dads is on the rise, according to a study by the Pew Research Center. Researchers point out that many men were laid off in 2011 and 2012, so they became default stay-at-home dads. But a recent article in The New York Times says that men continue to stay home now because they actually like being with their kids. This is different than the last time the number of stay-at-home dads spiked, in 2008, and most of them were back at work by 2010. This new dad trend is about choice, not happenstance.

'Tiger mom' backlash

"Princeton Tiger Mom" Susan Patton made headlines yet again in 2014 when she released her book, "Smarten Up! Words of Wisdom by the Princeton Mom," which tells women to reject modern feminism so they can land a husband before graduating college.

The backlash to the strict, very involved "tiger mom" parenting approach is slowly snowballing into a more nurturing type of parenting, which is earning the moniker "elephant mom." "Elephant moms" focus on creating a warm, loving atmosphere for their children, more concerned with letting kids have fun than making sure they are enrolled in a variety of after-school activities. In short, "tiger moms" are out, "elephant moms" are in.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your partner, family and friends value your time. Be vocal about your feelings for the people you love. A note or phone call will be a kind and reassuring gesture.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. If you share information, you will discover that a confidante has ulterior motives. Don't disclose details.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Communicate with others and educate yourself. Upgrade your skills and apply for a better position. Keep abreast of current trends and take advantage of a changing job market.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. A heated discussion will cause a rift with someone you are close to. Keep your emotions under control in order to avoid alienation.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Set goals and talk to people who you think can contribute to them, but get promises in writing.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your personal life will benefit if you spend more time with the people who make you feel good. Consider a short trip or excursion. Change your environment.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Someone in your circle will undermine you if you are too generous. If you believe everything you hear, you will make an impractical move.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. An upsetting confrontation will distract you from making an important decision that will affect your future.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Trust your judgment. What works for a friend or relative may not be the right thing for you. Use the information you gather, but modify your plans.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Exaggeration will backfire. You are better off fairly presenting your case and refraining from making promises that you know you can't keep. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Make cyclists register

I am appalled at how many of our citizen cyclists think that driving their vehicles on sidewalks is fine. We have reached the point where these bicycles must be registered in the interest of public safety. They should also be required to have proof of financial responsibility for any damage they may cause. The problem of impolite, dangerous cyclists is unlikely to improve since their numbers are likely to greatly increase in the future.
LEWIS WALSH, VIA EMAIL

Cops will have to face mayor

New York City police officers had every right to turn their backs on Mayor Bill de Blasio. But they are going have to meet face-to-face with him in order to solve this very serious communication problem like civilized people can and must do. RICHARD ZIEGENFUSS, VIA EMAIL

Republicans contradict themselves

This is a sincere question, and I'd like a sincere answer: Every single day, Republicans slam Big Government, "communism," workers' unions and the usual suspects. But then, every single day, Republicans tell me the perfect opposite as well: that we must blindly trust Big Government, from Bush's Office of Homeland Security and the NSA/CIA, to our "legal system" of judges and prosecutors and the department of "corrections," and our military and police. But it's common knowledge that OHS, the military and police are all government-run monopolies, right? The GOP says unions make for bad workers, but the police are all union, so which is it?
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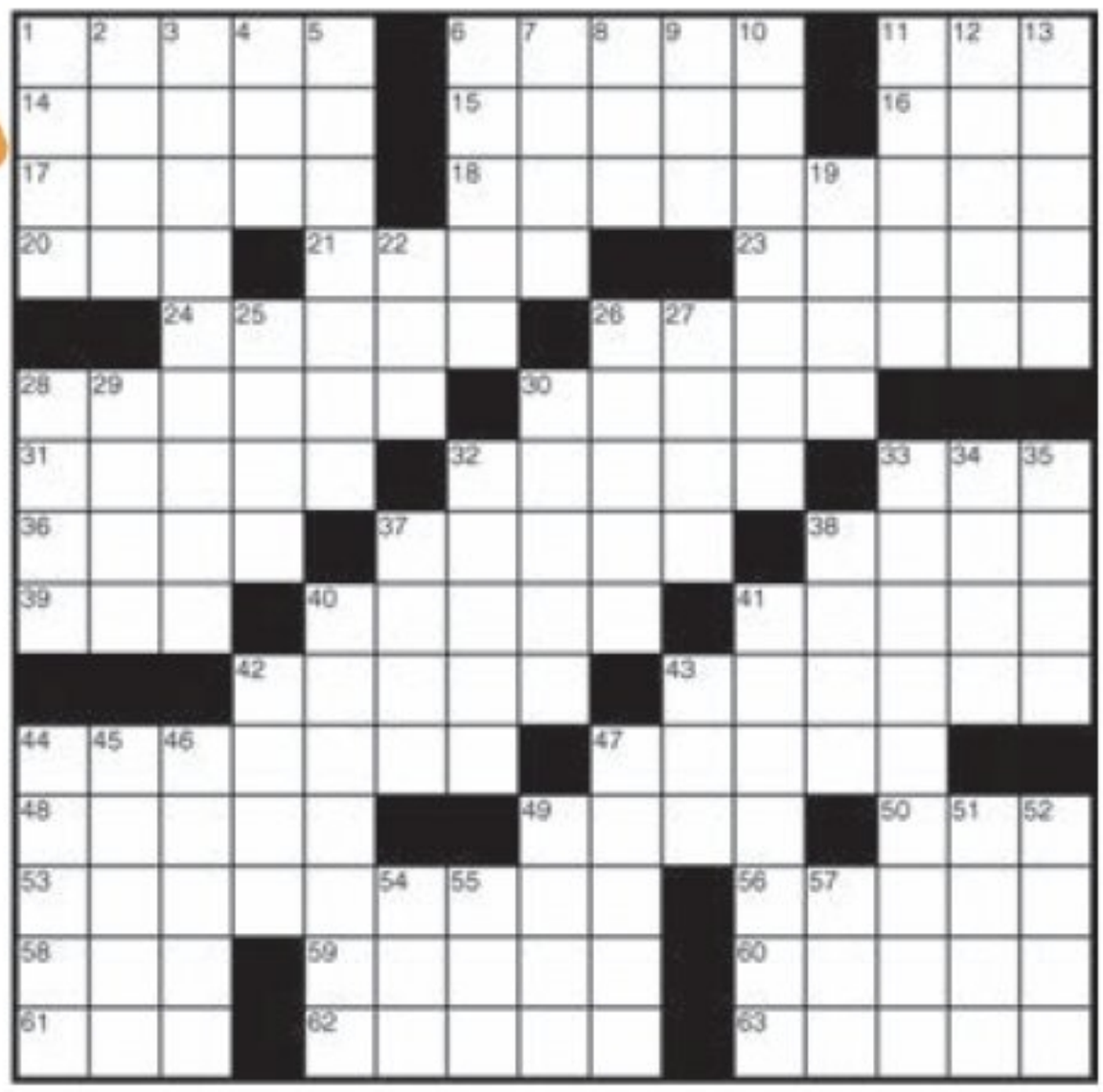

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Eagles face numerous tough free agent choices

NFL. The Birds' front office must decide on 10 players this winter, including Jeremy Maclin.

Will Polk and Maclin be in Philly for the 2015 season? / GETTY IMAGES

Now that the offseason is underway for the Eagles and their front office reshuffling has subsided, Chip Kelly, in his expanded role, will need to decide what to do with the Eagles' crop of free agents.

There are 10 men the Birds are slated to lose when the free agent period begins unless they reach out and re-sign them.

1 Jeremy Maclin, WR
Maclin took a chance signing a one-year deal before the season after missing 2013 due to injury. He burst onto the scene with renewed energy and drive, leading the Eagles with 1,318 yards and 10 TDs.

2 Brandon Graham, LB
The former first-round pick saw an expanded role in 2014 and responded well, tallying 5.5 sacks. The Birds might be willing to outbid other teams for his services to keep their front-seven depth.

3 Nate Allen, S
Allen had a decent 2014, but the secondary was weak and needs a major overhaul. They'll need a replacement, but if they can find a better safety elsewhere in free agency expect Philly to cut ties.

4 Bradley Fletcher, CB
Eagles fans were demanding Fletcher's head near the end of the season, and if they can get secondary help in the draft or free agency Fletcher's days as an Eagle could be numbered.

5 Mark Sanchez, QB
If he is given the opportunity to start somewhere else, Sanchez will probably leave. He likely won't be given the chance to compete for the 2015 starting gig, but he is among the best backups in the NFL.

6 Casey Matthews, LB
Matthews had 53 combined tackles and 1.5 sacks as he moved up the depth chart to fill in for injured Mychal Kendricks and later DeMeco Ryans.

7 Brad Smith, WR
The wideout and special teams contributor had just one catch in 2014. He could return next season on the cheap but isn't a priority.

8 Chris Polk, RB, Cedric Thornton, DE, Jeff Maehl, WR
These three are restricted free agents, which means the Eagles have a much better chance of keeping them. Polk and Thornton each had borderline breakout seasons in 2014 and should return to the Eagles at reasonable rates. Maehl is a replaceable wideout who will probably be a free agent sooner rather than later.

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3 SPORTS

Hot stove update

Phillies sign starter

The Phillies signed veteran starting pitcher Aaron Harang Monday, the team announced, to a one-year, $5 million deal. Harang, 36, went 12-12 with a 3.57 ERA in 33 starts for the Atlanta Braves last season. In 2007, he finished fourth in Cy Young voting, going 16-6 with a 3.73 ERA for the Reds.

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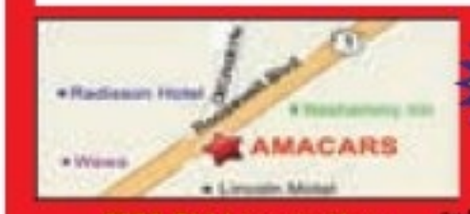

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Flyers return home desperate for a win

NHL. After five straight losses on the road, the Flyers look to bounce back against Ottawa on Tuesday night.

Maybe it was karma, but just not the good kind.

The Flyers intentionally violated the terms of the NHL Collective Bargaining Agreement by traveling to Nashville on Dec. 26 for their game the next night against the Predators.

The CBA states that players must not be involved in team activities from Dec. 24-26, including flights.

General manager Ron Hextall admitted that the players approached him about leaving the night before — instead of say, just after midnight — in order to arrive in Nashville early and get enough rest prior to facing the Predators.

It didn't matter, though, as the NHL still fined the Flyers an undisclosed amount of money.

The whole situation may have messed with the early success the club had achieved before Christmas. What had started off as a promising eight-game road trip instantly disintegrated into a nightmare by the time it ended.

The Flyers opened the 18-day trek with impressive wins over Toronto, Winnipeg and Minnesota. However after travelgate they lost five straight, including three to teams below them in the standings at the time, and lost Claude Giroux for the final four periods of the trip.

The team captain was cut by a skate early in the third period of an ugly loss to the Hurricanes last Friday and was held out of the lineup in Saturday's disastrous finale against the Devils.

Jaromir Jagr became the oldest player in NHL history to record a hat trick as the Devils jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second period en route to a 5-2 rout.

Outside of Giroux escaping serious injury — he is probable for Tuesday night's game against the Senators — it was a horrific final nine days on the road.

With the CBA violation story exposed over the weekend and the fine levied, the Flyers can only hope they have turned the corner and find some good karma again. They sit 10 points out of a playoff berth but play 10 of their next 13 games at the Wells Fargo Center, where they are 8-5-3.

It's a stretch of games that very well could define the rest of their season.

They can make up some ground in the standings and re-enter the playoff picture or fail to gain key points and possibly fall completely out of it.

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Road rules

The Flyers seem to be stuck in a rut after a hellish road trip over the holidays.

- The Flyers were outscored 19-9 during their current losing streak, allowing at least four goals four times.
- The team ranks dead last in the NHL in penalty kill (74.2 percent) and seventh in goals allowed per game (2.95).

Despite all the team's struggles, Jakub Voracek still leads the NHL in points with 48 and assists with 33. / GETTY IMAGES

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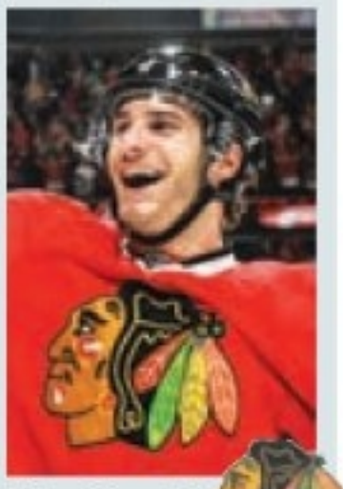

Blackhawks (26-11-2)

Do you realize how consistent the Blackhawks have been, having won Stanley Cups in 2010 and 2013? I don't think it's crazy to say that they're not only the model franchise in the NHL but possibly of all American sports. Guys get hurt but then others step up immediately, or injured stars like Patrick Sharp return with no rust and score overtime goals.

No. 2

Ducks (26-9-6)

The Ducks actually have the most points (58) in the league, but Chicago has two games in hand. Anaheim's goal-differential is plus-5 while the Blackhawks' is an otherworldly NHL-best plus-39. Anaheim earned a 4-3 shootout win over Nashville on Sunday and won't be on the road until Jan. 17.

No. 3

Predators (25-9-4)

Nearly halfway through the regular season, the Predators are clearly here to stay. Nashville is 6-2-2 in its last 10 games and owns the best home record in the NHL (14-2-1). The Predators' next three games are all against teams out of the playoffs.

No. 4

Canadiens (26-11-2)

The Canadiens have been the East's top club for what seems like the entire season. Montreal is riding an NHL-best six-game winstreak and it's 9-1-0 in its last 10 games. Goaltender Carey Price (22-9-1, .929 save percentage, 2.14 goals against average, two shutouts) was named the third star of the week.

No. 5

Lightning (25-12-4)

The top teams in the East are all on pretty much the same level. When they are healthy, like now with Steven Stamkos (21 goals, 18 assists) scoring highlight-reel goals such as the one he had in Ottawa on Sunday (4-2 win), the Lightning might be the best of the bunch.

No. 6

Penguins (24-10-5)

The Penguins were humbled in a 4-1 loss to the Canadiens this past Saturday but they'll have another shot at Montreal this coming Saturday. In between, Pittsburgh has a chance to further bury one of its biggest rivals — Boston — with a national TV game on Wednesday at the Consol Energy Center.

No. 7

Islanders (26-12-1)

The Islanders are in the middle of a grueling seven-game road trip and they had won the first two games, which makes Sunday's 5-2 loss in Edmonton so puzzling. Don't get too hung up on that, though. The Islanders are legitimate contenders (7-2-1 in their last 10 games).

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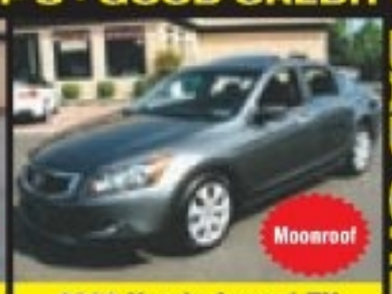

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